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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations (S/1998/302), the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate formally the attached document, which had been made available informally to the members of the Security Council.

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Annex

Text of the undertaking to be signed by United Nations Special Commission personnel

I, the undersigned, undertake to avoid any action that may adversely reflect on my status as United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) personnel assigned to the United Nations Special Commission in Iraq or on the integrity, independence and impartiality that are required by that status.

I undertake to observe the following rules:

(a) I shall not communicate at any time to any other person, Government or authority external to the United Nations any information known to me by reason of my association with UNSCOM that has not been made public, except in the course of my duties or with the prior approval of the Executive Chairman in each case;

(b) Publication of any material or information, whether or not protected by copyright, is forbidden during an UNSCOM assignment, except with the express authorization of the Executive Chairman;

(c) Unless specifically authorized by the Executive Chairman, I shall not accept speaking engagements or make statements to, or grant interviews with the press, radio, television or other agencies of public information during my assignment with UNSCOM;

(d) I shall exercise the utmost discretion with regard to the handling of documents, cables, maps or other UNSCOM papers, and shall follow detailed instructions issued by UNSCOM concerning such documentation. In particular, documents, cables, maps or other papers, copies thereof or notes on their contents will not be taken away from the mission, published or otherwise handles or communicated to others, except with the prior approval of the Executive Chairman in each case;

(e) Without the prior approval of the Executive Chairman in each case, I shall not accept any invitation to visit military or industrial installations or to participate in or be present at official ceremonies sponsored by Iraq;

(f) I shall follow specific regulations issued by UNSCOM regarding the taking of private photographs and the carrying of private photographic equipment. In particular, I shall not photograph restricted subjects;

(g) I shall follow specific regulations issued by UNSCOM regarding the purchase, import and disposal of any duty-free merchandise and shall cooperate with measures taken by UNSCOM to prevent the occurrence of any abuse or privileges or facilities accorded to UNSCOM personnel.

I understand that non-compliance on my part with any of the above rules during my UNSCOM assignment may result in my immediate repatriation.

I further recognize that the following rules may apply after completion of assignment to UNSCOM and undertake to observe them:

(a) Publication of any material or information, whether or not protected by copyright, is forbidden after completion of the Iraq assignment, except with the prior approval of the Executive Chairman of UNSCOM in each case;

(b) I, after my UNSCOM assignment, shall not divulge the contents of documents, cables, maps or other papers of UNSCOM except with the prior approval of the Executive Chairman of UNSCOM in each case.

Name printed in block letters: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____